

HOUSE BILL 671
By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to suspended driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, is amended by adding
the following language as new subsection (j)

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(1) Any person whose license has been suspended for having been
convicted of a driving offense and for the subsequent failure to pay a fine or cost
imposed for that offense pursuant to subdivision (a)(8) may apply to the court
wherein the person was convicted for the issuance of a restricted license.

(2) The judge may order the issuance of a restricted license, if based
upon the records of the department of safety:

(A) The department suspended the person's license as a result of
the person's conviction of any driving offense in any court and for the
person's failure to pay or secure any fine or costs imposed for that
offense; and

(B) The violation resulting in the person's present conviction was
not for driving under the influence of an intoxicant, or for refusal to submit
to a blood test under § 55-10-406; and

(C) The person does not have a prior conviction for a violation of §
39-13-106, § 39-13-213(a)(2), or § 39-13-218 in this state, or a similar
offense in another state; and

(D) The person does not have a prior conviction for a violation of § 55-10-401 or § 55-10-418 within ten (10) years of the present violation, in this state or a similar offense in another state.

(3) The judge may issue such order allowing the person so convicted to operate a motor vehicle for the limited purposes of going to and from:

(A) Such person's regular place of employment; and

(B) College or university in the case of a student enrolled full time in such college or university.

(4) Such order shall state with all practicable specificity the necessary times and places of permissible operation of a motor vehicle. The person so arrested may obtain a certified copy of the order and within ten (10) days after the order is issued present it, together with an application fee of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00), to the department, which shall forthwith issue a restricted license embodying the limitations imposed in the order. After proper application and until such time as the restricted license is issued, a certified copy of the order may serve in lieu of a motor vehicle operator's license. Any restricted license issued under the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to renewal in the same manner as other motor vehicle operator licenses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.